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Application No.: 10/729,528

IN THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 1. This sheet replaces the original sheet, including Fig. 1. In Fig. 1, element "2" has been changed to state element "12."

REMARKS

Claims 9-11, 25, 26, and 33 are currently pending in this application. The July 15, 2005 Office Action states that claims 9-12, 25, 26, and 33 contain allowable subject matter. Claims 9-11, 25, and 33 have been amended to incorporate the limitations of their respective base claims and any intervening claims. Claim 10 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claims 1 and 7. Claim 10, as filed, incorrectly depended from claim 9, and should have properly depended from claim 7. It is respectfully submitted that claim 10, as amended, similarly contains allowable subject matter. Applicant submits that no new matter has been introduced into this application by these amendments.

Claim 12 has been canceled, without prejudice, because its limitations are similar to those recited in claim 10, as amended.

Claims 5, 8, 13-16, 18, 19, 21-24, 27-29, 31, 32, 35-40, and 43 have been canceled, without prejudice, because the July 15, 2005 Office Action states that they are directed to a non-elected species of inventions, and there is no allowable generic claim.

Claims 1-4, 6, 7, 17, 20, 30, 34, 41, 42, and 44 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,719,428 (Noguchi) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,726,329 (Li et al.). By way of this Reply, claims 1-4, 6, 7, 17, 20, 30, 34, 41, 42, and 44 have been canceled, without prejudice, and it is respectfully submitted that the § 103(a) rejections are now moot.

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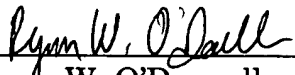
In the drawings, Fig. 1 has been amended to correct a typographical error. Fig. 1, as filed, incorrectly identified the light condensing optical systems as element "2." However, as described at pgs. 4-5 of the specification (see also Figs. 11 and 12), the light condensing optical systems should have corresponded with element "12." Applicant respectfully submits that this amendment is non-substantive and that no new matter has been introduced by way of this amendment.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application, including claims 9-11, 25, 26, and 33, is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes that any additional minor formal matters need to be addressed in order to place this application in condition for allowance, or that a telephone interview will help to materially advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone at the Examiner's convenience.

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